

The Kuskokwim Area includes all waters of Alaska between the latitude of the westernmost point of the Naskonat Peninsula and the latitude of the southernmost tip of Cape Newenham, including the waters of Alaska surrounding Nunivak and St. Matthew Islands and those waters draining into the Bering Sea. These regulations apply on waters within or adjacent to the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge, Innoko National Wildlife Refuge, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, Lake Clark National Park and Preserve, and Denali National Park and Preserve. Lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management are open to fishing only on non-navigable waters. [See map on page 30.]

Customary and Traditional Use Determinations:

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- Salmon – Residents of the Kuskokwim Area, except those persons residing on the United States military installation located on Cape Newenham, Sparrevohn AFB, and Tatalina AFB.
- Rainbow trout – Residents of the communities of Quinhagak, Goodnews Bay, Kwethluk, Eek, Akiachak, Akiak, and Platinum.
- Pacific cod – Residents of the communities of Chevak, Newtok, Tununak, Toksook Bay, Nightmute, Chefornek, Kipnuk, Mekoryuk, Kwigillingok, Kongiganak, Eek, and Tuntutuliak.
- All other fish (except herring) – Residents of the Kuskokwim Area.

Waters around Nunivak Island.

- Herring and herring roe – Residents within 20 miles of the coast between the westernmost tip of the Naskonat Peninsula and the terminus of the Ishowik River and on Nunivak Island.

Special Provisions:

NO SUBSISTENCE FISHING PERMIT REQUIRED. You can take fish at any time without a subsistence fishing permit, unless restricted in the following regulations or by emergency regulation.

Regulations:

You may take salmon only by gillnet, beach seine, fishwheel, or rod and reel, subject to the restrictions in these regulations. You may take salmon by spear in the Holitna, Kanektok, and Arolik River drainages, and in the drainages of Goodnews Bay.

You may take fish species other than salmon by set gillnet, drift gillnet, beach seine, fishwheel, pot, long line, fyke net, dip net, jigging gear, spear, lead, or rod and reel.

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Regulations (continued):

You may take halibut only by a single hand-held line with no more than two hooks attached to it.

Residents of Goodnews Bay, Platinum, Quinhagak, Eek, Kwethluk, Akiachak, and Akiak only may take rainbow trout by gillnets, dip nets, fyke nets, rod and reel, handline, spear, or jigging through the ice. Gillnets, dip nets, or fyke nets may not be used for targeting rainbow trout from March 15-June 15. If rainbow trout are taken in other subsistence net fisheries or through the ice, they may be retained for subsistence purposes. There are no harvest limits with handline, spear, rod and reel, or jigging.

Gillnet Restrictions:

The maximum depth of gillnets is as follows:

- 6-inch or smaller mesh = not more than 45 meshes in depth
- Over 6-inch mesh = not more than 35 meshes in depth

When subsistence fishing for salmon, you may not use an aggregate length of set gillnets or drift gillnets in excess of 50 fathoms.

- Kuskokwim River tributaries. You must attach to the bank each subsistence gillnet operated in tributaries of the Kuskokwim River and fish it substantially perpendicular to the bank and in a substantially straight line.

Within a tributary to the Kuskokwim River in that portion of the Kuskokwim River drainage from the north end of Eek Island upstream to the mouth of the Kolmakoff River, you may not set or operate any part of a set gillnet within 150 feet of any part of another set gillnet.

- Whitefish Lake in the Ophir Creek drainage: You may not use subsistence set and drift gillnets exceeding 15 fathoms in length. You may not operate more than one subsistence set or drift gillnet at a time. You must check the net at least once every 24 hours.

Fishing Periods:

During open commercial salmon fishing periods, you may not take salmon for subsistence uses as follows:

- District 1 and in those waters of the Kuskokwim River between Districts 1 and 2, excluding the Kuskokuak Slough, you may not take salmon for 16 hours before, during, and for 6 hours after each open commercial salmon fishing period in District 1.
- District 1, Kuskokuak Slough: From June 1-July 31 you may not take salmon for 16 hours before and during each open commercial salmon fishing period in the district.

Fishing Periods (continued):

- Districts 4 and 5 from June 1-Sept. 8, you may not take salmon for 16 hours before, during, and 6 hours after each open commercial salmon fishing period in each district.
- District 2 and anywhere in tributaries that flow into the Kuskokwim River within that district, from June 1-Sept. 8, you may not take salmon for 16 hours before, during, and 6 hours after each open commercial salmon fishing period in the district.

In the following locations, you may not take subsistence fish by nets for 16 hours before, during, and 6 hours after each open commercial salmon fishing period:

- Goodnews River east of a line between ADF&G regulatory markers placed near the mouth of the Ufigag River, and an ADF&G regulatory marker placed near the mouth of the Tunilik River.
- Kanektok River upstream of ADF&G regulatory markers placed near the mouth.
- Arolik River upstream of ADF&G regulatory markers placed near the mouth.

